AMENDMENTS

The Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the following amendment and remarks contained herein in response to the Office Action mailed on 25 April 2005. The Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment and remarks contained herein overcome all rejections stated in the pending Office Action.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please find herewith and enter a new drawing sheet captioned Figure 7. The specification is revised consistent with this new Figure 7, and no new matter is entered.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following to the specification as a new paragraph after Paragraph 12, and before the heading "DETAILED DESCRIPTION":

-- Figure 7 is a side view of further embodiments of the device of Figure 3 connected to a length of pipe, featuring an embodiment of the device with a stabilizer member formed integral with a body member. --

Please amend Paragraph 20 of the specification as follows:

-- According to various embodiments, the stabilizer member 30 is connected to the body member 12 with a fastener 38 such as a rivet. According to

other embodiments, an example of which is shown in Figure 7, the stabilizer member 30 is formed integral with the body member 12. --

Please amend Paragraph 22 of the specification as follows:

-- Figures 5 ~~and~~, 6, and 7 illustrate various embodiments of the device 10 connected to a length of pipe 20. The pipe 20 is a cylindrically shaped pipe that defines an axis 40 (shown in Figure 6) and includes an outer surface 42. The body member 12 lies in a plane generally perpendicular to the axis 40 and the curved portion 22 of the body member 12 is in contact with and partially surrounds the outer surface 42 of the pipe 20. The third portion 36 of the stabilizer member 30 is in contact with the outer surface 42 of the pipe 20. According to various embodiments, both the first portion 32 and the third portion 36 of the stabilizer member 30 are in contact with the outer surface 42 of the pipe 20. More particularly, Figure 7 shows respective ends 50 and 52 of the first portion 32 and the third portion 36 in contact with the pipe 20. Opposite ends 54 and 56 of the first portion 32 and the third portion 36 are joined to the second portion 34. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 7-8, 15-16, and 18-20 are withdrawn as being drawn to non-elected inventions.

Claims 1, 13, 14, 21, and 23 have been amended.

Claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-23 are pending and are listed following:

1. (currently amended) A device for guiding a blade at a start of a cut, the device comprising:

a body member, wherein the body member includes:

a first surface;

a second surface opposite the first surface; ~~and~~

a third surface bounded by the first and second surfaces, wherein the third surface includes a curved portion configured to receive a pipe;

a stabilizer member connected to the body member, wherein the stabilizer member includes:

a first portion connected to the body member in parallel relation thereto;

a second portion connected to and extending perpendicularly away from the first portion; and

a third portion connected to and extending perpendicularly away from the second portion, such that the first and third portions are in parallel relationship with one another; and

wherein the second portion of the stabilizer member is disposed relative to the first and the third portions of the stabilizer member so that the second portion of the stabilizer member is spaced away from the pipe when the pipe is received in the curved portion.

2. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the first surface is planar.

3. (original) The device of claim 2, wherein the second surface is planar.

4. (original) The device of claim 3, wherein the first and second surfaces are coplanar.

5. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the first, second and third surfaces collectively define first and second legs of the body member.

6. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the body member defines an opening that extends from the first surface to the second surface.

7. (withdrawn) The device of claim 1, wherein the body member is fabricated from a metal.

8. (withdrawn) The device of claim 7, wherein the body member is magnetized.

9. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the body member is fabricated from a plastic.

10. (original) The device of claim 1, wherein the body member is elastic.

11. (cancel) The device of claim 1, further comprising a stabilizer member connected to the body member.

12. (cancel) The device of claim 11, wherein the stabilizer member includes:

a first portion connected to the body member;

a second portion connected to and extending away from the first portion; and

a third portion connected to and extending away from the second portion.

13. (currently amended) The device of claim ~~12~~1, wherein the first portion of the stabilizer member is connected to the second surface of the body member, and wherein the first portion is in contact with the pipe when the body member is connected to the pipe.

14. (currently amended) The device of claim ~~12~~1, wherein the third portion of the stabilizer member is in contact with the pipe when the body member is connected to the pipe.

15. (withdrawn) The device of claim 11, wherein the stabilizer member is connected to the body member with a fastener.

16. (withdrawn) The device of claim 15, wherein the fastener is a rivet.

17. (original) The device of claim 11, wherein the stabilizer member is integral with the body member.

18. (withdrawn) The device of claim 11, wherein the stabilizer member is fabricated from a metal.

19. (withdrawn) The device of claim 18, wherein the stabilizer member is magnetized.

20. (withdrawn) The device of claim 11, wherein the stabilizer member is fabricated from a plastic.

21. (currently amended) A device for guiding a blade at a start of a cut, the device comprising:

a body member, wherein the body member includes:

a first surface;

a second surface opposite the first surface; and

a third surface bounded by the first and second surfaces, wherein the third surface includes a curved portion configured to receive a pipe; and

a stabilizer member connected to the body member, wherein the stabilizer member includes:

a first portion connected to the body member in parallel relation thereto;

a second portion connected to and extending perpendicularly away from the first portion; ~~and~~

a third portion connected to and perpendicularly extending away from the second portion, such that the first and third portions are in parallel relationship with one another;

wherein the second portion of the stabilizer member is disposed relative to the first and the third portions of the stabilizer member so that the second portion of the stabilizer member is spaced away from the pipe when the pipe is received in the curved portion; and

wherein the first and the third portions of the stabilizer member each include:

a respective first end that is connected to the second portion of the stabilizer, and

a respective second end opposite the first end, the second ends of the first and the third portions of the stabilizer member configured to contact the pipe when the pipe is received by the curved portion.

22. (original) The device of claim 21, wherein the first portion of the stabilizer member is connected to the second surface of the body member.

23. (currently amended) A device ~~for guiding a blade at a start of a cut, the device~~ comprising:

a first surface;

a second surface opposite the first surface; ~~and~~

means for receiving a pipe, wherein the means for receiving the pipe are bounded by the first and second surfaces; and

a stabilizer member connected to the body member, wherein the stabilizer member includes:

a first portion connected to the body member in parallel relation thereto;

a second portion connected to and extending perpendicularly away from the first portion;

a third portion connected to and perpendicularly extending away from the second portion, such that the first and third portions are in parallel relationship with one another;

wherein the second portion of the stabilizer member is disposed relative to the first and the third portions of the stabilizer member so that the second portion of the stabilizer member is spaced away from the pipe when the pipe is received in the curved portion; and

wherein the first and the third portions of the stabilizer member each include:

a respective first end that is connected to the second portion of the stabilizer, and

a respective second end opposite the first end, the second ends of the first and the third portions of the stabilizer member configured to contact the pipe when the pipe is received by the pipe receiving means.